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For: FABRICATION OF OPTICAL WAVEGUIDES )  
FOR REDUCTION OF MINIMUM WAVEGUIDE )  
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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above referenced application, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendments and to consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 20 and 21.

Presented below is new claim 22.

--22. The device of claim 16 wherein the core regions are filled with the core material using a deposition or re-flow technique.--

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REMARKS

This second Preliminary Amendment is being filed to correct a claim numbering error in the initial application and in a first Preliminary Amendment filed June 26, 2001. In the initial application, claim 20 was mis-numbered as claim 21. In the first Preliminary Amendment, the claim number presented in the clean version of the claim was mis-numbered while the marked-up version reflected the correct claim number.

In order to avoid further confusion, claims 20 and 21 are canceled herewith. New claim 22 is presented herewith and includes the same recitations as the canceled claims. After this second Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-19 and 22 are now pending in the present application. Examination and allowance of all claims is respectfully requested.

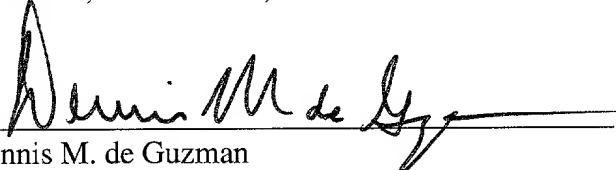
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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Claims 20 and 21 are cancelled. New claim 22 is presented.

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